

ALAMEDA COUNTY CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY (ACCMA) NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the Chief Deputy Director, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA), 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland, California, until **2 p.m. on July 7, 2008** at the ACCMA office, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the ACCMA Board Room, Oakland, CA for construction in accordance with the Project Plans and specifications to which special reference is made, as follows:

Title: RAPID BUS – TSP/EVP PROJECT GRAND

AVENUE-MACARTHUR BOULEVARD

Project No: CML-6273 (038) / (402.0)

CMA Contract No: A08-011

Project Description: The work consists, in general, of signal controller cabinet upgrades, signal interconnect, installation of Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) equipment, Video Detection Equipment (VID), traffic control, and other work as shown on the Plans and specified in these special provisions. The Plans include work along Grand Avenue-MacArthur Boulevard in the City of Oakland.

This project is a cooperative effort between the City of Oakland and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency. A Cooperative Agreement is executed between the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and the City of Oakland.

The Contractor shall follow all local agency requirements and coordinate with the City of Oakland throughout the duration of the contract. The Contractor shall obtain encroachment permits from the City of Oakland prior to the commencement of construction.

Portions of equipment and materials for this project have been purchased and will be provided to the Contractor. The Contractor shall coordinate with the Equipment Vendors for delivery, installation, and testing of all improvements.

- The construction work for the entire project shall be completed within 160 working days.
- If the Additive Bid Items are awarded, an additional 30 working days will be allowed.

- Bids are required for the entire work, including Additive Bid Items. The amount of the bid, for comparison purposes and selection of the low bidder, will be the total of the BASE BID ITEMS AND ADDITIVE BID ITEMS.
- ACCMA reserves the right to award the Additive Bid Items at anytime during the contract term.
- At the time this contract is awarded, the Contractor shall possess a Class A license or C-10 license.

A prebid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Alameda County Congestion Management Agency offices at 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland, CA 94612. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Bidder's attendance at this meeting will not be mandatory.

THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO THE "BUY AMERICA" PROVISIONS OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1982 AS AMENDED BY THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.

Plans and specifications may be obtained for a:

NONREFUNDABLE FEE OF \$ 50 PER SET by visiting or writing the:

Alameda County Congestion Management Agency 1333 Broadway, Suite 220 Oakland, CA 94612

Bid Inquiries shall be submitted in writing or via e-mail to Liz Brazil, Contracts Administrator at the following address:

Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

1333 Broadway, Suite 220 Oakland, CA 94612 EMAIL: lbrazil@accma.ca.gov

Any Bid Inquiries must be received in the above office by 3 p.m. on June 13, 2008, in order to be addressed at the pre-bid meeting.

All planholders shall be sent written notice of each Bid Inquiry and the Agency's response not less than three (3) days prior to bid opening. Contract Addenda, if necessary, shall be issued not less than three (3) calendar days prior to bid opening.

The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and a performance bond.

The Alameda County Congestion Management Agency affirms that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

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Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the books entitled "Proposal and Contract." If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate, which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free "hotline" service to report bid rigging activities. Bid rigging activities can be reported Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Telephone No. 1-800-424-9071. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report these activities. The "hotline" is part of the DOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

<u>June 4, 2008</u> Advertisement Date

Frank Furger, Chief Deputy Director